

REMARKS

The above-identified application has been amended by updating the cross-reference to related applications in the specification. Because these corrections are minor and formal, do not involve new matter, and do not in any way affect the nature or scope of the invention, it is believed that they may be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312 without withdrawing the application from issue.

The Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

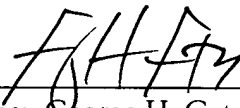
Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

GATES & COOPER LLP
Attorneys for Applicant(s)

Howard Hughes Center
6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050
Los Angeles, California 90045
(310) 641-8797

Date: April 1, 2004

By: 
Name: George H. Gates
Reg. No.: 33,500

GHG/io

G&C 122.4-US-U1